

## **Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities**

### Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 15, 2012, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Douglass Truth Library

Commissioners Present: Mark Adreon, Mike Barta, Joshua Caple, Patricia Copeland, Charlene Curtiss, Vickie Foster, Mary Beth Lum, Jonathan Porter, Emerson Sekins, Gary Stobbe, Deborah Witmer, Sara Woody

Commissioners Absent: Rebecca C. Cory, Laura Gramer

Guest: Gerrit Nyland, Vice Chair  
Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities

SOOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood, Michael Chin

Call to Order: 5:04 by Deborah Witmer

Approval of Minutes: February minutes approved as read

SOOCR Report:

Michael Chin announced fair housing training open to commissioners, building industry professionals, and the general public. Commissioners suggested that an individual with a disability be added to the program so that attendees can learn how important accessibility is to people who will use the housing.

Paid Sick and Safe Leave rules will be issued in March. Commissioners suggested that the messaging include an admonition not to discriminate against individuals with disabilities based on fear that they will use a large amount of sick leave.

## Guest Speaker:

Gerrit Nyland [Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities](#) (COD)

- The COD is planning an Accessible Parking Emphasis Week for November or December of this year. The COD would welcome collaboration with the SCPWD
- Pacific Lutheran University students are assisting with campaign development.
- Parking fines for placard abuse go to the Accessible Communities Fund, but the state legislature has not developed regulations for how the funds are to be distributed.

## New Business:

**MOTION:** To co-sponsor Waterfront and Seawall Roundtable: **ACTION: PASSED**

Project Civic Access: Vickie, Hope, and Mark will follow up

## Election of Co-Chair:

- Patt Copeland stepped down as Co-Chair for personal reasons. Commissioners expressed appreciation for her outstanding service.
- Mike Barta was elected to complete her term, which expires in October 2012.

## Old Business:

- Commissioner Recruitment: Mike Barta has reviewed outreach materials and contacted one potential applicant.

- Proposed Bylaws Revisions: The Committee has engaged in extensive work, resulting in a proposal that was discussed at length. The Committee intends to continue discussion on undecided topics and move for adoption of the amended bylaws at the April meeting.

### Announcements:

Alliance of People with disAbilities Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 31, 2012 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Garfield Community Center, 2323 East Cherry Street. Deborah Witmer will represent the Commission. All commissioners are invited to attend.

Financial Fitness Day on Saturday, March 31, 2012 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Rainier Community Center, 4600 38<sup>TH</sup> Ave. S., Felicia Yearwood will represent SOCR and the Commission. All are welcome.